



Dear Parent,

We are so excited that your child is a part of a Sunday school class that is using the *VeggieTales VeggieConnections* curriculum.

As a very important part of this curriculum, your child is learning to connect to and have compassion for others – especially for children who live under conditions of poverty and need. Your child is learning that God loves all of the children of the world and that many children, in fact most children in the world live in conditions that are very harsh and different from what is experienced in our country. Along with the rest of the class, your child is also praying for the needs of a specific child that lives in a developing country and is helping to make a difference in that child's life.

The way the class is doing that is through one of the mission outreaches that the church has decided upon. The class is sponsoring a child through Compassion International, a Christian child sponsorship organization focusing on holistic child care and development. As a class, the children are being asked to contribute to the monthly sponsorship of a little boy or girl in a developing country. Children are being asked to deposit nickels, dimes, and quarters as their contribution to this mission project in a Compassion bank that will be used to pay for the \$32 per month sponsorship payment.

Sponsorship provides an impoverished child with the opportunity to attend a program where he or she receives benefits that help normal growth and development. These benefits include, as needed, health care, educational opportunities, hygiene training and supplies, social development, and supplementary food, if needed. Best of all, this child attends a Christian education program offered at their local church that gives him or her the opportunity to learn about and develop a relationship with Jesus. Your child's class will also be writing to this child on a regular basis and will receive letters in return. This is a great way to see the connections they are learning put into action!

Your family also has the opportunity to be involved with and connect to Compassion's ministry. In addition to praying for the child that the class sponsors as a whole, you may request a child for your family to sponsor individually. Fill out the response piece below and send it to the address listed or call toll free (800) 336-7535 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. MT, or log on to www.compassion.com to request a child. Please mention the *VeggieTales VeggieConnections* curriculum when you do.

Whether your family decides to sponsor a child or not, please encourage and affirm your own child in the mission project that the class has adopted. We have seen where children have been profoundly touched by connecting to a "real person" who lives in extreme poverty. We know that even the youngest children can learn generosity, develop a heart for missions, and grow into being compassionate, caring adults by understanding at an early age the hurts and struggles that others around the world live with on a daily basis. This is a terrific way to help your child connect to and demonstrate the love of Christ to a little one! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Regina Hopewell
Volunteer and Church Relationships Director
Compassion International

- ☐ Yes! Our family wants to sponsor a child for \$32 a month. Please send my family the information about one child who is waiting to connect with a sponsor! I understand that there is no obligation to receive this information.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Clip this form, complete and mail to:

Compassion International, Attn. Marketing Department, 12290 Voyager Parkway, Colorado Springs CO 80921
Or call: (800) 336-7535 To learn more, go to www.compassion.com.

